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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: P.I.T., SHUM, AR, UY
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE IN FINDING MISSING
PARLIAMENTARIAN

1. AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM PAPAL NUNCIO
I. ROME SEEKING U.S. ASSISTANCE IN FINDING JAIME
FELICIANO DRI LODI, AN ARGENTINIAN PARLIAMENTARIAN
APPARENTLY MISSING IN URUGUAY. ATTACHED TO NUNCIO'S
LETTER IS PLEA FOR HELP FROM DRI LODI'S BROTHER, A
PRIEST I. ROME, STATING THAT DRI LODI WAS A DEPUTY
TO THE ARGENTINE PARLIAMENT FROM THE SOCIAL-CHRISTIAN
"JUSTICIALISTA" PARTY WHO WENT INTO HIDING, APPARENTLY
IN URUGUAY. DRI LODI HAS STAYED IN TOUCH WITH FAMILY
MEMBERS, WHO LAST RECEIVED LETTER FROM HIM DATED DEC.
1977 FROM MONTEVIDEO. HE FAILED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH
FAMILY AS PROMISED ON DEC. 24.

2. FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON DRI LODI INCLUDED IN
LETTER: BORN JAN. 24, 1942 IN CHAJARI, PROVINCE OF
ENTRE RIOS, ARGENTINA. PARENTS: PEDRO DRI AND
SARA ANA LODI. DRI LODI IS MARRIED TO A PANAMANIAN
CITIZEN AND HAS TWO SMALL CHILDREN. ACCORDING TO
LETTER, ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES, IN EFFORT TO FORCE
DRI LODI OUT OF HIDING, SEIZED CHILDREN (AGED 4 AND 2)
AND HELD THEM IN JAIL FOR NEARLY THREE MONTHS.
CHILDREN WERE RELEASED AFTER REPEATED REPRESENTATIONS
BY PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT. DRI LODI FAMILY IS DESCRIBED
AS PERSONAL FRIENDS OF PANAMANIAN PRESIDENT.

3. NUNCIO'S LETTER REQUESTS THAT AMBASSADOR CONSIDER
WHETHER U.S. EMBASSY IN MONTEVIDEO COULD MAKE INQUIREIES
ABOUT DRI LODI. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT
GUIDANCE AND ANY INFORMATION WE COULD APSS ON TO NUNCIO.
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Bill -
We have nothing
on Dri Lodi in our
files of course he was
in Uruguay which is
where the request is
Assume we should
possibly keep our ears
open. I'll see what he
knows about this next
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